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SUBJECT: ISRAELI POLICE PERMIT RELEASE OF SHIP DETAINED BY ISRAELI MARINE OFFICERS UNION; UNION CLOSES ALL ISRAELI PORTS IN PROTEST.

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- 1. MARINE OFFICERS UNION CLOSED TRAFFIC ALL ISRAELI PORTS FOR 24 HOURS BEGINNING 9:00 PM JUNE 19 IN PROTEST ACTION BY ISRAELI POLICE PERMITTING PANAMA-FLAG TANKER CAMELIA TO DEPART HAIFA JUNE 19.
- 2. UNION HAD BEEN DETAINING SHIP SINCE MAY 20 (REFTEL) IN EFFORT FORCE OWNERS TO PAY FILIPINO CREW BACK PAY AND SIGN STANDARD ITF CONTRACT PROVIDING IMPROVED WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.
- 3. SHIP IS CHARTERED BY WING ON ENTERPRISES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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HONG KONG. NATIONALITY OF OWNERS NOT KNOWN BY

UNION. CREW WAS FILIPINO; OFFICERS ARE TAIWANES.

- 4. OWNER REPRESENTATIVE WHO FLEW TO ISRAEL LAST MONTH DID NOT TAKE CASE TO COURT AS ORIGINALLY THREATENED BUT INSTEAD, ACCORDING UNION OFFICIALS, THREATENED FILIPINO CREW, AND MADE UNSUCCESSFUL BID TWO WEEKS AGO TO MOVE SHIP OUT OF HAIFA PORT.
- 5. IN SECOND ATTEMPT JUNE 19 BY SHIP'S CAPTAIN
 TO FLEE PORT, FILIPINO CREW MEMBERS CLOSED VALVES
 OF ENGINE. POLICE INTERVENED, REPORTEDLY THREATENED FILIPINOS
 WITH ARREST AND PROSECUTION, AND REMOVED THEM FROM
 SHIP. FILIPINO CREW WILL BE RETURNING TO PHILIPPINES.
- 6. UNION OFFICIAL (ADAM CHISIK) DESCRIBED POLICE ACTION TO EMBOFF AS "FLAGRANT VIOLATION" IN INTERVENING IN LABOR DISPUTE (POLICE REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THERE WAS NO DISPUTE AND THEY HAD NO VALID REASON TO DETAIN SHIP). HE SAID UNION WILL REQUEST GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION AND ADDED THAT US MARITIME UNIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST SISTER SHIP CHARTERED BY SAME COMPANY, MEDITERRANIAN SEA, WHEN IT ARRIVES PHILADELPHIA IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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